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Attorney Docket No. 24857



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MUELLER, et al. Group Art Unit: 1774

Serial No.: 10/014,796 Examiner: J.M. Gray

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: **SUTURE MATERIAL FOR SURGERY, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND THE USE THEREOF**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 30, 2005. The three month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on September 30, 2005. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time is attached hereto, and this response is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims in the pending application.

Please amend the identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: